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In re Application of :  
Beer et al : DECISION GRANTING  
Application No. 09/891,784 : PETITION  
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Attorney Docket No. 10732-009-999 :  
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This is a decision on the paper filed September 19, 2001, which is being treated as a petition requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of June 25, 2001, rather than the presently accorded filing date of June 27, 2001.

Petitioners allege that the application was deposited in Express Mail service on June 25, 2001. In support, the petition is accompanied by a copy of Express Mail receipt No. EL451597155US (the same Express Mail number found on the original application papers located in the official file) showing an official USPS notation dated June 25, 2001.

In view of the above, the petition is granted. The application will be accorded a filing date of June 25, 2001.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination Division for further processing with a filing date of June 25, 2001, and issuance of a corrected filing receipt.

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